

Amendments to the Drawings:

Amend Figure 1 to remove the references to elements "40" and "A".

Amend Figure 2 to include a reference to the surface 126.

Amend Figure 3 to include a reference to the gas inlet 170.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1, 2, and 3)

Annotated Sheets showing changes (Figs. 1, 2, and 3)

REMARKS

Drawings

The examiner objected to Figure 1 of the drawings as it included the reference characters "40" and "A", which were not mentioned in the description. Figure 1 has been amended herein by removing the reference characters "40" and "A".

The examiner also objected to the drawings as they did not include the following reference characters mentioned in the description: Gas supply line 170 on page 5, line 11; and inner surface 126 on page 5, line 23. Figure 2 has been amended herein to include the reference character "126", and Figure 3 has been amended to include the reference character "170".

It is believed the corrections made herein to Figures 1, 2 and 3 overcome the examiner's objections to the drawings.

Annotated drawing sheets showing the changes made as well as replacement sheets have been included with this Response to Office Action.

Claims

In the aforesaid Office communication, the examiner rejected claims 12, 13 and 22 as being anticipated and/or obvious in view of the cited references. Claims 14-21 were objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 12 has been amended herein to incorporate the subject matter of claim 14. It is believed this amendment will now render claim 12 allowable, and claim 14 has been cancelled.

Claim 13 has not been amended herein, even though claim 14 depended on claim 13, as it is not felt the subject matter of claim 13 was essential to the allowable subject matter of original claim 14.

Since claim 12 is the only independent claim remaining in the application, and all of the other remaining claims 13 and 15-22 being dependent thereon, it is felt all of these claims are now in allowable form.

Specification

Upon a review of the text and drawings, two minor errors were noted in the description on page 5, paragraph [0017]. On page 5, line 23, after "the base 104" the phrase – or insulating material 105 – has been inserted. This amendment is supported by Figure 2. Secondly, on page 5, line 27, "upper portion 120" has been corrected to – upper portion 122 --.

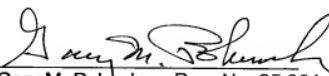
Conclusion

There being no remaining objections or rejections of the application, it is felt it is now in condition for allowance and such action is courteously requested.

A request for a ³~~six~~-month extension of time accompanies this Response to Office Action along with the appropriate fee.

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